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ComEd Partners with City of Chicago and State of Illinois to
Help Develop Calumet Open Space Reserve

ComEd To Build Solar-Powered Generating Station

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In a move to help revitalize industrial growth and provide alternative forms of energy in the Calumet area, ComEd has partnered with the City of Chicago and the State of Illinois to build a solar-powered generating station at the Paxton Landfill cluster site.

This 500-kilowatt (kW) photovoltaic (PV) system, which will be built over the next three years, will be one the largest in the nation. The project is part of the City of Chicago and State of Illinois' Calumet Open Space Reserve project.

The station, which will be installed by Spire Solar Chicago, a PV panel manufacturer, will occupy part of the landfill cluster site and will help produce clean energy. Electricity generated from the sun using photovoltaic (PV) panels does not produce any pollution. Once the installation is complete, the solar electric generating station will produce about 750,000kWh of electricity per year, enough to power 100 homes.

The installation is expected to cost about \$3 million and will be paid for from \$12 million in funding ComEd committed to the City of Chicago for PV installations. ComEd will receive some financial

assistance in grant funds from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs (DCCA).

“This is another indication of the partnership between the City, State and ComEd to demonstrate alternative energy sources in the State while finding a very viable use for this former landfill,” said Frank Clark, senior vice president at ComEd.

Other ComEd PV installations/solar energy projects in the City of Chicago include:

- Installation of a 25kW photovoltaic system on the roof of ComEd’s Chicago North Call Center, located at California and Addison Streets.

- Installation of a 10kW solar energy system on the roof of Frank W. Reilly Elementary School on the city’s north side.

- Commitment of about \$4 million to install PV’s on eight Chicago museums, the Lincoln Park Zoo and Chicago Historical Society.

- Implementation of the Wind and PV Generation Pricing Experiment throughout ComEd’s service territory, which allows customers with wind or PV systems under 40kW in size to sell excess electricity back to ComEd.

Incorporated in 1994 and based in Chicago, Unicom Corporation (NYSE:UCM) is a public company dedicated to meeting the energy needs of residential, commercial, industrial and wholesale customers. With approximately 15,000 employees and nearly \$7 billion in revenues, Unicom Corporation is the parent holding company to Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd), its principal subsidiary, and Unicom Enterprises Inc. (UEI), offering competitive energy-related products and services. Engaged principally in the production, purchase, transmission, distribution and sale of electricity to retail and wholesale customers, ComEd provides service to more than 3.4 million customers across Northern Illinois, or 70 percent of the state’s population